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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: PATERSON-COLUMBIA RIVER BOAT ACCESS

Description of Proposal: The proposed project consists of re-locating and adding improvements to an existing boat access at Lake Umatilla, Columbia River. The proposed site is approximately 1083 feet (330 meters) west (downriver) of the current gravel launch. The proposed site has deeper water and will provide a steeper, more effective launching ramp. Improvements will include a concrete launch, re-grading the existing road, providing parking, a turnaround, and a vault toilet. All improvements will include accessible provisions that meet Americans with Disabilities (ADA) design standards. Approximately 1000-feet of dirt road will be graveled. The parking lot and turn-around will require grading and graveling for 8 boat-trailer parking spaces, paving one trailer and one car space for ADA.

The actions include:

1. Decommission the existing gravel launch by blocking vehicle access with placement of rock barriers at entrance.
2. Relocate the boat launch approximately 1000 feet downstream from existing site.
3. Install a pre-cast concrete plank and cable concrete boat launch.
4. Install ADA boat loading ramp.
5. Add gravel to the access road.
6. Clear, grade and gravel a turn-around area and parking.
7. Install one vault toilet.
8. Install interpretative signage and a kiosk.
9. Replant cleared portions with native vegetation.

Proponent:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The proposed boat launch is located on the north side of the Columbia River in Paterson, Benton County, Washington. The legal description is SW ¼ Section 8, Township 17 North, Range 26 East, parcel number 1-0856-200-0003-00, East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **January 09, 2007**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: December 26, 2006 **SIGNATURE:** 

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